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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Support for amendments to the claims can be found in paragraphs 0069 and 0070. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1, 7, 8, 11-13, 17, 19, 25-26, 29-31, 35 and 37-49 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chaco (U.S. Patent No. 5,465,082) has been obviated by amendment and should be withdrawn.

In contrast, claim 1 of the presently claimed invention provides a health monitoring system, comprising a central server, a monitoring device, a programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit and a signal interface. The central server may be configured to receive health-related data. The monitoring device (a) for monitoring a condition indicative of a physical well-being of a person and for producing digitally encoded health signals representative of the monitored condition, (b) being located near the person and (c) being remotely located from the server. The programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit may be (a) separate from the monitoring device, (b) located near the person,

and (c) located remotely from the server. The programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit may include a video display, the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit may be for manipulating information displayed, and a memory. The memory may be tangibly embodying therein a program of instructions executable by the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit. The program of instructions may include instructions for displaying information on the video display in an interactive manner and causing communication of information to the central server. The signal interface may be connectable in signal communication with the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit and the monitoring device for communication of the digitally encoded health signals supplied by the monitoring device to the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit. The programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit may wirelessly communicate with the central server. Claim 19 includes similar limitations. Chaco does not disclose each of the claimed limitations.

In particular, Chaco does not disclose that the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit may wirelessly communicate with the central server, as presently claimed. At best, Chaco discloses that the microcomputer 414 (the so-called programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit) is coupled to the central nurse station microcomputer 420 via the network server 430 (the so-called central server). Therefore, Chaco does not

disclose or suggest each of the claimed limitations. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 2-5, 10, 14-16, 18, 20-23, 28, 32-34 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chaco in view of Kretsch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,233,520; hereinafter Kretsch) has been obviated by amendment and should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-18 and 20-49 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1 or claim 19 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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